

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.     A method for transferring an electronic document to print media in  
2 exchange for payment, the method comprising:  
3               (a)     discovering payment account information;  
4               (b)     accepting an electronic document;  
5               (c)     transferring the electronic document to print media;  
6               (d)     determining a price for accepting the electronic document and  
7 transferring the electronic document to print media; and,  
8               (e)     executing a payment transaction with the payment information,  
9 at the determined price.

1           2.     The method of claim 1 wherein discovering the payment account  
2 information includes reading the payment account information from an encoded strip  
3 selected from the group consisting of a magnetic strip and an optical strip.

1           3.     The method of claim 1 wherein discovering the payment account  
2 information includes receiving a transmission including the payment account  
3 information.

1           4.     The method of claim 1 wherein accepting an electronic document  
2 includes receiving a transmission including the electronic document.

1           5.     The method of claim 1 wherein determining a price for receiving and  
2 transferring the electronic document includes:  
3               (a)     counting a number of pages of the electronic document; and,  
4               (b)     multiplying the number of pages by a price per page

1           6.     The method of claim 1 further including verifying the payment account  
2 information.

1           7.     The method of claim 1 further including responsive to discovering the  
2     payment account information, activating the output apparatus to accept the electronic  
3     document and transfer the electronic document to print media.

1           8.     An output apparatus for transferring an electronic document to print  
2     media in exchange for payment, the system comprising:

3                 (a)     a point of service terminal configured to discover payment  
4     account information;

5                 (b)     a communication interface configured to accept an electronic  
6     document;

7                 (c)     a transcriber configured to transfer the electronic document to  
8     print media;

9                 (d)     a tabulator configured to determine a price for accepting the  
10    electronic document and transferring the electronic document to print media; and,

11                (e)     an invoicer configured to execute a payment transaction with  
12    the payment information, at the determined price.

1           9.     The output apparatus of claim 8 wherein the point of service terminal  
2     includes a strip reader configured to read the payment account information from an  
3     encoded strip selected from the group consisting of a magnetic strip and an optical  
4     strip.

1           10.    The output apparatus of claim 8 wherein the point of service terminal  
2     includes a receiver configured to receive a transmission including the payment  
3     account information.

1           11.    The output apparatus of claim 8 wherein the communication interface  
2     includes a receiver configured to receive a transmission including the electronic  
3     document.

1           12.    The output apparatus of claim 8 wherein the tabulator includes:

2                 (a)     a monitor configured to count a number of pages of the  
3     electronic document; and,

4 (b) a calculator configured to multiply the number of pages by a  
5 price per page

1 13. The output apparatus of claim 8 further including an authenticator  
2 configured to verify the payment account information.

1 14. The output apparatus of claim 8 further including an initializer  
2 configured to respond to discovering the payment account information by activating  
3 the output apparatus to accept the electronic document and transfer the electronic  
4 document to print media.

1 15. A program storage system readable by a computer, tangibly  
2 embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to perform  
3 method steps for transferring an electronic document to print media in exchange for  
4 payment, the method steps comprising:

5 (a) discovering payment account information;  
6 (b) accepting an electronic document;  
7 (c) transferring the electronic document to print media;  
8 (d) determining a price for accepting the electronic document and  
9 transferring the electronic document to print media; and,  
10 (e) executing a payment transaction with the payment information,  
11 at the determined price.

1 16. The program storage system of claim 15 wherein the method step of  
2 discovering the payment account information includes reading the payment account  
3 information from an encoded strip selected from the group consisting of a magnetic  
4 strip and an optical strip.

1 17. The program storage system of claim 15 wherein the method step of  
2 discovering the payment account information includes receiving a transmission  
3 including the payment account information.

1           18.    The program storage system of claim 15 wherein the method step of  
2 accepting an electronic document includes receiving a transmission including the  
3 electronic document.

1           19.    The program storage system of claim 17 wherein the method steps  
2 further include verifying the payment account information.

1           20.    The program storage system of claim 15 wherein the method steps  
2 further include responsive to discovering the payment account information, activating  
3 the output apparatus to accept the electronic document and transfer the electronic  
4 document to print media.

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